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MEDIA NOTE

U.S. Special Envoy Gration to Travel to Sudan, Uganda, and Qatar

U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration will travel to Sudan, Uganda, and Qatar from July 15, 2010, to July 29, 2010, visiting Khartoum, El Fasher (Darfur), Juba, Kampala, and Doha.

In Khartoum, Special Envoy Gration will meet with officials from the UN and the African Union (AU), and consult with the Sudan envoys from Russia, China, the United Kingdom, France, Norway, and the European Union. He will also meet with the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) teams that are negotiating post-referendum arrangements, in addition to members of the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission. Discussions will focus on implementing remaining Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) milestone issues to include the January 2011 Southern Sudan and Abyei referenda. Special Envoy Gration will also travel to El Fasher, in the Darfur region, where he will visit a camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) as well as several early recovery projects. He will also meet with tribal leaders, United Nations and African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) officials, and representatives of the local government. In Juba, Special Envoy Gration will meet with senior leaders of the SPLM on CPA implementation issues, and with senior U.S. officials on the diplomatic expansion initiative.

In Kampala, Special Envoy Gration will join the United States delegation to the African Union Summit. Following Kampala, the Special Envoy will travel to Doha in support of the ongoing Darfur peace negotiations.

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